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SUBJ: COUNTER DRAFT TREATY (SALT TWO - 316)

THE DELEGATION (INCLUDING HAROLD BROWN) HAS BEEN WORKING INTENSIVELY AT A COUNTER DRAFT TREATY, AND I NOW EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT THE TEXT AND EXPLANATION ON MONDAY MORNING SO AS TO BE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON AT THE OPENING OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAY. OUR WORK ON THIS TEXT, WHICH IN SOME AREAS WILL INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES, MAKES IT CLEAR THAT TO UNDERSTAND ALL THE VARIOUS INTERRELATIONSHIPS AND BUILT-IN NEGOTIATING FLEXIBILITY IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE TEXT WHICH WE WILL BE TRANSMITTING ALSO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY ORAL EXPLANATION. I FEEL IT IMPORTANT THAT SUCH AN EXPLANATION BE AVAILABLE TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING THEIR CONSIDERATION OF THE TEXT AND THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL DESIRE TO HOLD A VPWG MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, OR THE VERY EARLIEST AVAILABLE DATE THEREAFTER, AT WHICH A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION COULD REVIEW THE TEXT WITH AND BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS OF ALL THE CONCERNED AGENCIES. AS THE MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE ACTUAL DRAFTING, I HAVE ASKED RELPH EARLE TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON TUESDAY TO MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE FOR SUCH A MEETING WITH THE VPWG.

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